



# MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL

## REVISION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

### EXAMS START WEEK BEGINNING 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 & 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

- These exams will run for a period of 2 weeks

### REVISION EXPECTATIONS-5 A DAY: BETWEEN 15 & 25 HOURS A WEEK

- Each week you will be expected to demonstrate you have studied independently for up to 20 hours per week
- Revision is best chunked in to **40-minute sessions at home**
- 5 x 40-minute sessions=2 hours per day. More at the weekend

### GUIDED REVISION: STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Revision should be planned to cover all subjects
- 5 x 40-minute sessions=2 hours per day. More at the weekend
- The real reward will be success in summer exams

### REVISION RESOURCES, METHODS & TECHNIQUES

- There are many ways to record revision. Parents and carers can really help by using student's self-made revision to test and ask questions
- Study guides are highly recommended and each department has these for their subject (See pack and subject leader's revision stands)
- Techniques to support revision are on the next pages
- **Online revision** is a really effective way to revise and practice. Specific sites are recommended by departments





## THE MIND MAPPING METHOD

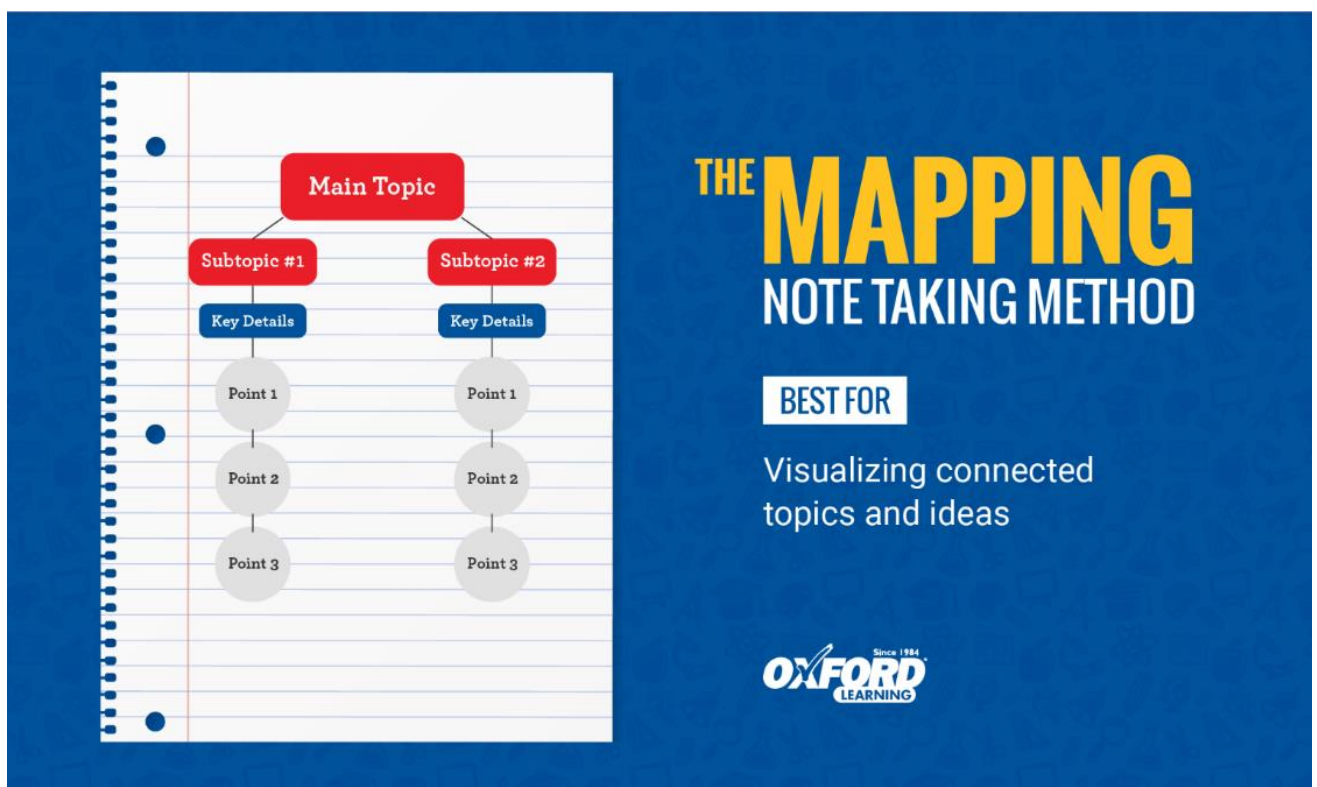
- The Mapping note taking method is a more visual way to organise your notes
- This technique is useful when learning about relationships between topics.

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- The page is organised by topic.
- The main topics branch out into subtopics with detailed information about each.
- Use of images supports this

### HOW DO YOU USE IT?

1. *While in class or at home, begin the map with the main topic.*
2. *Branching off the main topic, write a heading for each of the subtopics.*
3. *Write any important notes underneath each subtopic.*
4. *Continue the pattern.*



## THE FLASHCARD METHOD

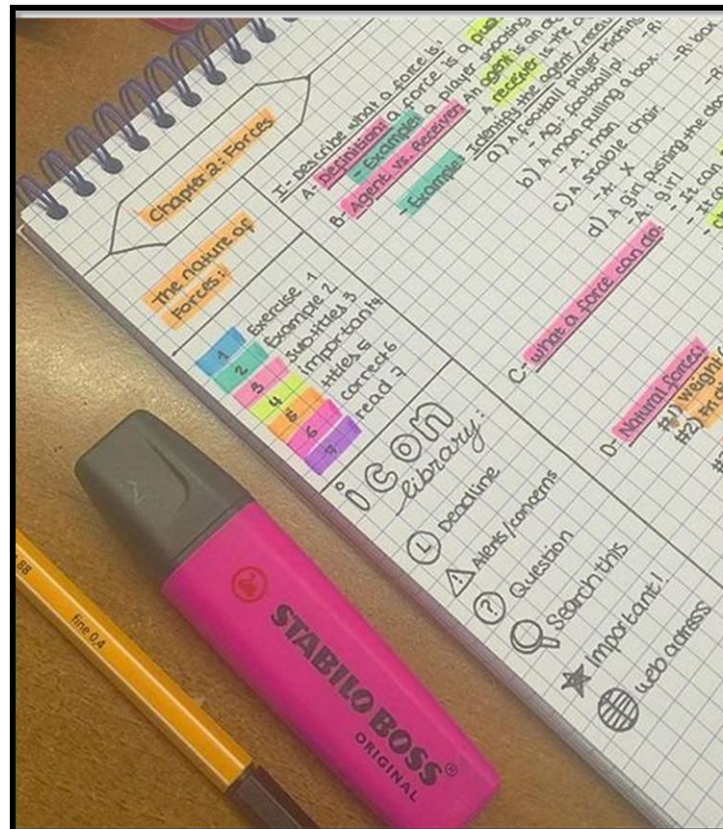
- The revision taking method is a simple way to summarise key information



- You place a key question on the front
- You place the answer on the back
- This technique is for facts revision
- You can ask your parents and friends to test you

## HOW DO YOU USE IT?

1. Test yourself using your fact cards
2. If you guess right, place the card into the **"I know this pile"**
3. If you answer partly correct place this into your **"I need to practice this pile"**
4. If you answer incorrectly, place this into your **"I don't know this pile"**
5. Keep testing yourself on the cards you need to until secure



## THE OUTLINING METHOD

- The Outlining note taking method uses headings and bullet points to organise topics. This method is most useful when learning about topics that include a lot of detail

## ADVANTAGES:



- Allows notes to be neatly organised
- It is easy to see the relationship between topics and subtopics
- It is easy to turn points into study questions

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Each section starts with a heading of the main topic. Each subtopic and supporting fact is written underneath the proper heading

### HOW DO YOU USE IT?

1. *Begin your notes with a single bullet point and write the main topic*
2. *Place the first subtopic below and indented slightly to the right*
3. *List any details below your heading and slightly to the right*

**THE OUTLINING  
NOTE TAKING METHOD**

**BEST FOR**

Easily creating study questions for review

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Today's Date

- **Main Topic**
  - **Subtopic #1**
    - Key Point #1
    - Key Point #2
  - **Subtopic #2**
    - Key Point #1
    - Key Point #2
- **Main Topic #2**
  - **Subtopic #1**
    - Key Point #1
    - Key Point #2
  - **Subtopic #2**
    - Key Point #1
    - Key Point #2

## THE CHARTING METHOD

- Charting note taking method uses columns to organize information. This method is useful for lessons that cover a lot of facts or relationships between topics

### ADVANTAGES:

- Facts are organised and easy to review
- Highlights key pieces of information for each topic

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?





- The page is divided into columns labelled by category. The details of each category are filled out in the rows below

## HOW DO YOU USE IT?

1. When information about a category is mentioned, jot it down underneath the proper column
2. When the next topic begins move down one row and begin again

## THE SENTENCE METHOD

- The Sentence note taking method is simply writing down each topic as a jot note sentence. This method works well for fast paced lessons where a lot of information is being covered

### ADVANTAGES:

- Jotting main points helps you determine which information is important and which is not
- You are able to cover a lot of details and information quickly
- Notes are simplified for study and review

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Each line on the page is a new and separate topic. To organize your notes even more, you can use headings for each main topic



1. *Write down important information the teacher has emphasized. This can be in sentence form or point form*
2. *Start a new sentence or point for each new detail*
3. *Use headings to organize points by main topics*

**THE SENTENCE**  
NOTE TAKING METHOD

**BEST FOR**  
Taking quick and simple notes

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● **Main Topic** Today's Date

1. Sentence #1 covering key details of the topic
2. Sentence #2 covering key details of the topic
3. Sentence #3 covering key details of the topic